

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 25, 2022

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President Jamie L. Bolser, Vice President James T. Papacek, and Members Bryan Alexander, Leslie G. Fatum, John J. Roberts, Martha J. Lake, and Daryl Maple. Also, in attendance were County Auditor Jessica Secrease and County Attorney Alan Wilson. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Council President Jamie L. Bolser.

Council President Bolser led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Alexander gave a word of prayer.

REORGANIZATION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL FOR 2022:

Council President Bolser started the meeting with nominations for the reorganization of the Howard County Council for 2022. Nomination for the Howard County Council President was opened with a motion by Councilwoman Lake to nominate Councilwoman Bolser. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fatum. There being no further nominations, a motion to close the nomination for President was made by Councilwoman Lake and seconded by Councilwoman Fatum. The Council all voted in favor of Councilwoman Bolser as President of the Howard County Council for 2022.

Council President Bolser opened nominations for Vice President of the Howard County Council. Councilman Alexander made a motion in favor of Councilman Roberts for County Council Vice President, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Maple. There being no further nominations, a motion to close the nomination for Vice President was made by Councilman Alexander and seconded by Councilman Maple. All Council members voted in favor except for Councilman Papacek he opposed. Councilman John J. Roberts as Vice-President of the Howard County Council for 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the regular meeting held on December 10, 2021, and for the Special Meeting held on December 21, 2021, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Lake. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-HCCO-1 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-1 – Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Additional Appropriations and Reductions	Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0001</u>	<u>Clerk:</u>		
47243	Building Upgrades	1,206.30	1,206.30
<u>0005</u>	<u>Sheriff:</u>		
12108	Longevity	700.00	700.00
<u>0203</u>	<u>Superior Court III:</u>		
23600	Office Supplies	548.00	548.00
	<u>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>	2,454.30	2,454.30
<u>1114</u>	<u>LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u>		
<u>0380</u>	<u>Jail:</u>		
12108	Longevity	(700.00)	(700.00)
	<u>TOTAL LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u>	(700.00)	(700.00)
<u>1159</u>	<u>HEALTH FUND:</u>		
32620	Professional Fees	80,000.00	80,000.00
35640	Rental/Lease Fees	25,000.00	25,000.00
47243	Building Upgrades	80,000.00	80,000.00

<u>TOTAL HEALTH FUND:</u>		185,000.00	185,000.00
<u>9525</u>	<u>VETERANS PROBLEM SOLVING COURT FUND:</u>		
12012	Coordinator	51,587.00	51,587.00
11700	PT Case Manager	25,750.00	25,750.00
15210	FICA	3,946.54	3,946.54
15220	PERF	7,583.46	7,583.46
23745	Incentives	3,500.00	3,500.00
23710	Other Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00
23630	Printer Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
23747	Graduation Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
31200	Contract Services	8,500.00	8,500.00
32640	Drug Testing	8,000.00	8,000.00
32130	Travel & Training	5,000.00	5,000.00
<u>TOTAL VETERANS PROBLEM SOLVING COURT FUND:</u>		123,367.00	123,367.00
2022 BUDGET CORRECTIONS & AMENDMENTS			
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0001</u>	<u>Clerk:</u>		
11300	First Deputy	2,000.00	2,000.00
11400	Second Deputy	6,000.00	6,000.00
11436	Bookkeeper	2,000.00	2,000.00
32120	Postage	55,000.00	55,000.00
<u>0202</u>	<u>Superior Court II:</u>		
11318	Court Reporter	(42,657.00)	(42,657.00)
11319	Assistant Court Reporter	42,657.00	42,657.00
<u>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		65,000.00	65,000.00
<u>1114</u>	<u>LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u>		
<u>0380</u>	<u>Jail:</u>		
11401	Clerical I	(1,162.00)	(1,162.00)
11906	Correction Office (40)	77,496.00	77,496.00
11915	Jail Sergeant (4)	4,200.00	4,200.00
11916	Jail Corporal (4)	4,200.00	4,200.00
<u>TOTAL LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u>		87,734.00	84,734.00
<u>1173</u>	<u>MOTOR VECHICLE HIGHWAY:</u>		
23751	Bituminous	(26,127.00)	(26,127.00)
<u>TOTAL MOTOR VECHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:</u>		(26,127.00)	(26,127.00)
*To reflect the State's reduced budget			
<u>1176</u>	<u>MOTOR VECHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:</u>		
11356	Engineer	2,144.00	2,144.00
<u>TOTAL MOTOR VECHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:</u>		2,144.00	2,144.00
<u>1188</u>	<u>REASSESSMENT FUND:</u>		
11100	Elected Official	62,727.00	62,727.00
11200	Chief Deputy	42,242.00	42,242.00
11305	First Deputy	3,150.00	3,150.00
11306	First Deputy (Level II) (2)	40,950.00	40,950.00
15210	FICA	14,290.00	14,290.00
15220	PERF	30,675.00	30,675.00
23600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
<u>TOTAL REASSESSMENT FUND:</u>		87,933.00	87,933.00
<u>1189</u>	<u>RECORDER'S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND:</u>		
11100	Elected Official	54,600.00	54,600.00

11200	Chief Deputy	8,135.00	8,135.00
11305	First Deputy	14,998.00	14,998.00
15210	FICA	1,024.00	1,024.00
15220	PERF	9,176.00	9,176.00
<u>TOTAL RECORDER'S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND:</u>		87,933.00	87,933.00
<u>RECYCLING DISTRICT:</u>			
	Director	67,788.00	67,788.00
	Recycling Technician	52,146.00	52,146.00
	Warehouse Technician	43,264.00	43,264.00
	Secretary	38,943.00	38,943.00
	Education/Public Outreach	41,715.00	41,715.00
	Yard Waste Staff	28,700.00	28,700.00
	Part- Time	30,000.00	30,000.00
	FICA	24,000.00	24,000.00
	PERF	35,000.00	35,000.00
	Insurance	100,000.00	100,000.00
<u>TOTAL RECYCLING DISTRICT:</u>		461,556.00	461,556.00
<u>TOTAL NET APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS:</u>		1,185,395.30	1,185,395.30

County General Fund 1000, Clerk Location 0001 – Clerk Debbie Stewart:

In absence of Howard County Clerk Debbie Stewart, Auditor Jessica Secrease requested an additional appropriation to allocate the Clerk's proceeds from the sale of scrap metal to the building upgrades account.

County General Fund 1000, Sheriff Location 0005 – Sheriff Jerry Asher:

Howard County Sheriff Jerry Asher requested additional appropriation for the longevity account.

County General Fund 1000, Superior Court III Location 0203 – Judge Douglas Tate:

Howard County Superior Court III Judge Douglas Tate requested additional appropriation for personal licensing to access the RMS system.

LIT - Special Purpose Fund, Jail 0380 – Sheriff Jerry Asher:

Howard County Sheriff Jerry Asher requested to de-appropriate the longevity account and to instead appropriate the longevity account under County General Fund.

Health Fund 1159 – Health Department Administrator James Vest:

Health Department Administrator James Vest requested an additional appropriation for building upgrades, future remodeling to the vital records area, contract staff, and rental space for testing and the vaccine clinics.

Veterans Problem Solving Court Fund 9525: Veterans Problem Solving Court Coordinator Richard Cotterell:

Howard County Superior Court II Judge Brant J. Parry stated that the Veterans Court was recertified by the Supreme Court in December. Veterans Problem Solving Court Coordinator Richard Cotterell requested to appropriate the 2022 grant cycle funding. Mr. Cotterell gave a report from the last year giving the following statistics: the veterans' graduation rate was 76%, the retention rate was 83%, the number of new participants admitted was 19, the number of graduates was five, the number terminated was two, and the number of active participants was 22.

2022 Budget Corrections & Amendments

County President Bolser discussed the 2022 Budget Corrections & Amendments. These were adopted through the Council 2021 regular budget session, but needed to be appropriated now due to anticipated changes, some clerical errors, and some necessary amendments.

All additional appropriations and reductions as well as the 2022 Budget Corrections & Amendments, having been presented as Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-1, were approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Fatum. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER RESOLUTION NO. 2022-HCCR-1 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Resolution No. 2022-HCCR-1 – Transfers one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Transfer From	Transfer To	Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>			
<u>0089</u>	<u>COVID Relief:</u>			
50000	Unappropriated	30000 Other Services & Charges	2,863.63	2,863.63
50000	Unappropriated	47210 Equipment	16,442.61	16,442.61
<u>1114</u>	<u>LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND:</u>			
<u>0380</u>	<u>Jail:</u>			
12200	Overtime-Correction Officer	12008 PT Corrections Officer	30,000.00	30,000.00
<u>8975</u>	<u>ARP Grant Fund:</u>			
30000	Other Services & Charges	20000 Supplies	100,000.00	100,000.00
47210	Equipment	11325 Deputy Prosecutor- All Courts	46,438.00	46,438.00
47210	Equipment	11341 Deputy Public Defender	52,500.00	52,500.00
47210	Equipment	15210 FICA	7,568.76	7,568.76
47210	Equipment	15220 PERF	14,049.20	14,049.20

County General Fund 1000, COVID Relief Location 0089 – Commissioner President Paul Wyman:

County Commissioner President Paul Wyman requested a transfer to cover the cost of renting a crane to do work on the communications tower at Kokomo Beach and for the purchase of a Power Pro Ambulance Cot for EMA.

LIT - Special Purpose Fund, Jail Location 0380 – Sheriff Jerry Asher:

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested a transfer to cover part-time positions from 2021.

ARP Grant, Location 8975 – Commissioner President Paul Wyman:

County Commissioner President Paul Wyman requested a transfer to cover the cost of supplies for the Sheriff's Office and the salaries of new a Deputy Prosecutor and Deputy Public Defender, as well as their FICA and PERF.

Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-HCCR-1 – Transfers as read. Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE. NO. 2022-HCCO-2 – SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-2 – Salary Ordinance Amendments one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Salary Amendments	Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0001</u>	<u>Clerk:</u>		
11400	First Deputy	2,000.00	2,000.00
11400	Second Deputy	6,000.00	6,000.00
11436	Bookkeeper	2,000.00	2,000.00
<u>0005</u>	<u>Sheriff:</u>		
12108	Longevity	700.00	700.00
<u>0202</u>	<u>Superior Court II:</u>		
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11916	Jail Corporal (4)	4,200.00	4,200.00
12108	Longevity	(700.00)	(700.00)
12008	Part-Time Corrections Officer	30,000.00	30,000.00
12200	Overtime - Corrections Officer	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)

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1189 RECORDER'S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND:

11100	Elective Official	54,600.00	54,600.00
11200	Chief Deputy	8,135.00	8,135.00
11305	First Deputy	14,998.00	14,998.00
15210	FICA	1,024.00	1,024.00
15220	PERF	9,176.00	9,176.00

8975 ARP GRANT FUND:

11325	Deputy Prosecutor- All Courts	46,438.00	46,438.00
11341	Deputy Public Defender	52,500.00	52,500.00
15210	FICA	7,568.76	7,568.76
15220	PERF	14,049.20	14,049.20

9525 VETERANS PROBLEM SOLVING COURT FUND:

12012	Coordinator	51,587.00	51,587.00
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15210	FICA	3,946.54	3,946.54
15220	PERF	7,583.46	7,583.46

Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-2 – Salary Ordinance Amendments as read; Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:

Amended 2022 Salary Ordinance – Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-47:

County Attorney Alan Wilson stated that a necessary amendment was made for the 2022 Salary Ordinance. The part-time rate for the Coroner's Office was increased from \$30.00 to \$35.00 in order to comply with an ongoing agreement between the Sheriff's Office and Coroner's Office which states that an employee's typical rate would be their overtime rate – which would have exceeded the previous \$30.00 amount. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-47 as read; Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2021 Rainy Day Fund Emergency Transfer Report:

Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the 2021 Rain Day Fund Emergency Transfer Report which exhibited all of the negative accounts that were corrected for 2021 year-end. Councilman Roberts made a motion to approve the 2021 Rainy Day Fund Emergency Transfer Report as read; Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Authorization to Pay Back Rainy Day Fund:

Council President Bolser stated that Resolution 2021-HCCR-17 states to return the funds borrowed to correct negative account back to the Rainy Day Fund. Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve the Pay Back Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$100,046.35, as presented in the report. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2021 Howard County Sheriff Task Force Unit Statistics:

Sheriff Asher introduced Task Force Officer Gibson. Officer Gibson stated that the task force officers work along side the ATF, Probation, Work Release, In-Home Detention, U.S. Marshalls, Kokomo Police Department, Parole Division, and the Prosecutor's Office. There are five full-time task force officers along with a K-9 officer. Officer Gibson gave the 2021 Howard County Sheriff Task Force Unit Statistics:

- Arrests made:
 - State arrest felony arrests: 116
 - State misdemeanor arrests: 69
 - Federal arrests: 17
 - Total arrests: 202
- Quantities of drugs seized :
 - Marijuana: 4,751.1 grams
 - Meth: 535.48 grams
 - Pills: 1436 dosage units
 - Fentanyl: 145.4 grams
 - MDMA: 42 grams
 - Spice (as well as look-alike): 153 grams
 - Cocaine: 73.8 grams
 - Heroin: 127.1 grams for a
 - Total quantities seized: 5,836.88 grams (over 12.8 pounds) and 1,436 dosage units
- Assets/money seized (in U.S. currency):
 - Assets/ Money Seized US Currency \$87,344.62,
 - Vehicles: 5
 - Gambling tickets/pull tabs: 301,000
 - Guns confiscated/recovered: 75
 - Handguns: 46
 - Long guns: 29
 - Guns processed/gun liaisons: 34
- Search warrants:
 - DNA: 9
 - Device (cellphones, etc.): 65
 - Social media :53
 - Residence: 31
 - Phone records: 16
 - Vehicles: 24
 - Total search warrants: 198.
- Activity:
 - Traffic stops: 113
 - Surveillance: 182
 - K-9 deployments: 16
 - K-9 deployments resulting in arrest: 14
 - Home visits with Community Corrections: 168
 - Lab visits and NIBIN: 11

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Public Defender Appropriation Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-4:

Public Defender Andrew Vandenbosch presented Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-4 for approval. The ordinance presented by Mr. Vandenbosch is the Annual Supplemental Public Defender Appropriation. Councilman Maple made a motion to approve the

Annual Supplemental Public Defender Appropriation Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-4 as read; Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Papacek.
Councilman Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

JAMIE BOLSER, PRESIDENT

JOHN J. ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT

BRYAN ALEXANDER, COUNCILMAN

LESLIE G. FATUM, COUNCILWOMAN

JAMES T. PAPACEK, COUNCILMAN

MARTHA J. LAKE, COUNCILWOMAN

DARYL MAPLE, COUNCILMAN

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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